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STATE OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

April 4, 2006

WILLIAM THOMSON DEPUTY AUDITOR GENERAL

Governing Board Balsz Elementary School District No. 31 4825 East Roosevelt Street Phoenix, AZ 85008

Members of the Board:

In our October 25, 2005, compliance review report we notified you that the District had not complied with the *Uniform System of Financial Records* (USFR) for the year ended June 30, 2004.

We have since reviewed the District's audit reports and USFR Compliance Questionnaire for the year ended June 30, 2005, to determine whether the District was in compliance with the USFR as of that date. Based solely on our review of these documents, the District has complied with the USFR.

However, we noted that the District still had numerous internal control deficiencies cited by its auditors in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, management letter, and the USFR Compliance Questionnaire. These deficiencies indicate that the District's internal controls are still especially weak in the areas of accounting records and student activities cash receipts.

Although the cited deficiencies do not cause substantial noncompliance, the District must take corrective action to continue to satisfactorily comply with the USFR.

If you have questions concerning the deficiencies or how to correct them, or would like a written summary of deficiencies with recommendations for correction, please call Magdalene Haggerty, Accounting Services Director, or Gregg Rickert, Accounting Services Manager, at (602) 553-0333.

Sincerely,

Debra K. Davenport Auditor General

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cc: Dr. R. Robert Jones, Superintendent
Ms. LaVerne Schimpf, Director of Business
Balsz Elementary School District No. 31
The Honorable Sandra E. Dowling, Maricopa County School Superintendent
Ms. Vicki G. Salazar, Associate Superintendent of Financial Services
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